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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Marlene Mueller      Confirmation No: 2963

Serial No.: 10/565,514      Group Art Unit: 1657

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For: Saccharification Processes

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2008. The Office Action states that the instant application contains more than one invention that do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because under PCT Rule 13.2 they lack the same or corresponding special technical features because "the processes are taught in the art by Viet et al. (WO 02/38787 A2)." Further, the Examiner requires an election among the following groups:

Group I, claims 20-35, drawn to an enzymatic saccharification; and

Group II, claims 36-37, drawn to a process of producing ethanol.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 20-35 drawn to an enzymatic saccharification.

Respectfully submitted,

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